

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

*Conferees* continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1057)

H.R. 111, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-49)

H.R. 680, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-50)

H.R. 2248, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-51)

H.R. 2443, to designate the Federal building located at 601 Fourth Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia, as the "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building", in honor of William H. Christian, Jr., Martha Dixon Martinez, Michael J. Miller, Anthony Palmisano, and Edwin R. Woodruffe. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-52)

S. 996, to provide for the authorization of appropriations in each fiscal year for arbitration in United States district courts. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-53)

S. 1198, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the special immigrant religious worker program, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for designation of an effective date for paperwork changes in the employer sanctions program, and to require the Secretary of State to waive or reduce the fee for application and issuance of a nonimmigrant visa for aliens coming to the United States for certain charitable purposes. Signed October 6, 1997. (P.L. 105-54)

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to food safety, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*, business meeting, to consider the nominations of Laura S. Unger, of New York, and Paul R. Carey, of New York, each to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Dennis Dollar, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Edward M. Gramlich, of Virginia, and Roger Walton Ferguson, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Ellen Seidman, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, to hold hearings on the nominations of John Arthur Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, James E. Hall, of Tennessee, and George W. Black Jr., of Georgia, each to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance*, to hold hearings on S. 1195, to promote the adoption of children in foster care, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, to hold hearings to examine proliferation threats through the year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider the International Telecommunication Union Constitution and Convention (Treaty Doc. 104-34), Protocol Amending the 1916 Convention with Canada for the Protection of Migratory Birds (Treaty Doc. 104-28), Protocol Amending the Convention with Mexico for the Protection of Migratory Birds and Game Mammals (Treaty Doc. 105-26), Maritime Boundaries Treaty with Mexico (Ex. F, 96-1), and pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine issues with regard to competition in the cable and video markets, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources*, to hold hearings on the nomination of David Satcher, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services and Medical Director and Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*, to hold hearings on the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies, focusing on the proposed Indian provision, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

**House**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on Current and Future Bank Examination and Supervision Systems, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on long-term budget problems relating to the retirement of the baby boomers; and to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, to markup H.R. 1625, Worker Paycheck Fairness Act, 11:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, hearing regarding "Campaign Finance Improprieties and Possible Violations of Law", 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "FEHB Rate Hikes—What's Behind Them?" 8:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Oversight of GSA's Government Performance and Results Act Strategic Plan, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Africa, to markup H. Res. 245, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of a free and fair referendum on self-determination for the people of Western Sahara; followed by a hearing on Africa Crisis Response Initiative, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on an Overview of U.S. Policy toward South America and the President's Upcoming Trip to the Region, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1270, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982; and H.R. 2493, Forage Improvement Act of 1997, 11:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 2607, making appropriations for the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 3 p.m., H-3113 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on Science, Math, Engineering and Technology—Third International Math and Science Study, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing with Focus on Women Business Enterprises, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, hearing on the fiscal year 1998 GSA Leasing Program and General GSA Leasing Policy, 1 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the prevention of adverse events in the provision of VA medical care, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to markup the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Authorities Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.